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Couple celebrates promotion to CW3 together

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BAGHDAD, Iraq - New Year's Day was a memorable holiday for soldiers at Baghdad International Airport, especially for a married couple reunited for their joint promotion to Chief Warrant Officer Three.

Chief Warrant Officer Sharon Gibbs was joined by her husband Chief Warrant Officer Cecil Gibbs for their advancement Jan. 1.

Sharon, 1st Armored Division's chief of strength management is stationed at BIAP. Cecil is the chief of supply maintenance for 19th Support Center, 3rd Corps Support Command, in Camp Doha, Kuwait,

"I could not have asked for anything better," said Sharon, who found out they had made the selection list together for CW3 Dec. 11, 2003.

"It's a blessing to be promoted together," said Cecil.

The couple met at Warrant Officer Candidate School at Fort Rucker, Ala. They were married in Virginia in December 1999.

Cecil deployed to Kuwait in February 2003 and Sharon entered Iraq three months later.

"I didn't want her to come here because I was concerned with her welfare," said Cecil. "Now I am glad she came and things worked out."

The couple has made the most of being in Operation Iraqi Freedom by seeing each other every chance they get, with the help of their commands.

Cecil flew up to Baghdad to celebrate their wedding anniversary on Dec. 29, 2003 and Sharon recently spent her R&R leave at Camp



Chief Warrant Officers Cecil and Sharon Gibbs stand in front of the 1st Armored Division unit logo before their promoted to Chief Warrant Officer 3 at Baghdad International Airport Jan. 1. Cecil, the chief of supply maintenance for 19th Support Center, 3rd Corps Support Command, flew to Baghdad where Sharon is the 1st Armored Division's chief of strength management.

Doha with her husband.

"We didn't think on would see each other," said Sharon. "I think the deployment has strengthened our marriage a lot."

The longest the couple has been physically together since their wedding day is seven months. Before deploying they served together Wiesbaden Army Airfield, Germany.

"Sometimes it is hard because of long work hours and being apart," said Sharon. "But I feel our careers and being soldiers have been better since we have each other."

"It's great," said Cecil on being a dual military couple. "My advice is to trust in God and everything else will fall in place."

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News...

British Airways Flight to D.C. Delayed

LONDON (AP) - Security checks on Saturday delayed the afternoon British Airways flight to Washington D.C. that was canceled the previous two days due to security concerns. Two hours after its original scheduled departure time, Flight BA223 had still not left at noon EST, despite getting the all-clear earlier from Britain's Department for Transport.

Elderly Woman Rescued From Iranian Quake

BAM, Iran (AP) - Iranian rescue workers pulled a 97-year-old woman from the rubble Saturday, nine days after an earthquake razed this city. U.N. officials warned many survivors were suffering psychological disorders as the confirmed death toll rose to 29,700.

NASA Spacecraft Closes in on Mars

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) - A NASA spacecraft was closing in on Mars, carrying a six-wheeled vehicle that is to roam the Red Planet's rocky surface in search of geologic evidence that Mars was once suitable for life. The spacecraft cradling the Spirit rover was scheduled to land Saturday night on Mars, alighting in an ancient crater just south of the planet's equator.

NASA Spacecraft Swoops Past Distant Comet

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) - NASA was awaiting dozens of close-up photographs of a distant comet, a day after a spacecraft swooped within 149 miles of the frozen ball of rock and ice to collect samples from its glittering halo of dust and gas and bring them to Earth. The Stardust spacecraft took 72 images of the dark nucleus of comet Wild 2 during a derring-do flyby Friday that occurred 242 million miles from Earth.

All 148 Aboard Killed in Egypt Jet Crash

SHARM EL-SHEIK, Egypt (AP) - A charter jet carrying 148 people crashed Saturday into the Red Sea shortly after taking off from the resort of Sharm el-Sheik, killing everyone on board. Egypt's Civil Aviation Ministry said the crash was apparently caused by a mechanical problem and not terrorism. But it occurred as the British prime minister was visiting the resort and amid a week of heightened concerns about terrorism that have led to canceled flights around the world.

Chaplain's thought for the day...

Life is for the Gambler

The spiritual writer Anthony de Mello says:
"You're not living until it doesn't matter a tinker's damn to you whether you live or die. At that point you live. When you are ready to lose your life, you live it. But if you're protecting your life, you're dead"
Life is for the gambler, it really is."

"He who finds his life will lose it, and he who loses his life for my sake will find it." Matthew 10:39

In other news...

Town honoring, not trashing Art Carney

WESTBROOK, Conn. (AP) — Jackie Gleason got a bus depot when he died, so why shouldn't Art Carney get a sanitation facility?

Carney, a Westbrook resident who played Gleason's sewer-working sidekick Ed Norton on *The Honeymooners*, died last month. Since then, one local resident has been lobbying to name the nearby waste and recycling center after the Emmy-winning actor. Richard Fleming said the Ed Norton Sanitation Facility would be a fitting memorial to the television star. He has begun a letter and e-mail campaign to persuade people to support the name change.

But First Selectman Tony Palermo, who received one of Fleming's e-mails, said he's not convinced. He wants to talk it over with other town officials and Carney's wife, Jean.
"I don't know if naming the town dump for him is appropriate," he said. "I mean, he did a play a character that became one of the most popular characters in American history, but he did other things, too. He was very good to us here in town, so I'm not sure."

M&M's candy fades to black and white

NEW YORK (Reuters) — M&M's, the colorful button-shaped candies, are about to go off color for the first time in 60 years, but it remains to be seen whether their fans love or hate the change.

The chocolate-filled sugar-coated candies, made by a division of U.S. confectioner Mars, will be available in only black and white for the next few months instead of the standard six colors as part of a promotional campaign.

Mars' Masterfoods USA division, which also markets chocolate brands such as Snickers, will launch the chiaroscuro version in the United States on Dec. 31. But some stores that ran out of the colorful stock have already received supplies of the new variety.

The candy is sold in more than 100 countries, but the black and white ones will be available only in the United States.

But the company plans to bring back the colored candy to the market after the promotion runs its course in a few months.

"You are going to have people who are shocked and they are going to miss their regular favorite colors," said M&M's spokesman Jeffrey Moran. "As long as we can tell them the colors are eventually going to come back, they will be pretty happy."

Safety message...

The major underlying reasons for errors related to accidents and injuries are:

- Lack of self-discipline
- Failure to enforce standards
- Inadequate training

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myafn.net TV SCHEDULES: SUNDAY, JANUARY 04, 2004					As of: Saturday, January 03, 2004 8:33:59 PM	
Start Time	SPORTS	ATLANTIC	SPECTRUM	PACIFIC	NEWS	Start Time
00:00		NFL PREGAME	THE DIVISION : - THE FEAR FACTOR	NFL PREGAME	FOX NEWS LIVE	00:00
00:30		NFL - 2003 WILD CARD PLAYOFFS: TENNESSEE TITANS @ BALTIMORE RAVENS		NFL - 2003 WILD CARD PLAYOFFS: TENNESSEE TITANS @ BALTIMORE RAVENS		00:30
01:00			DIE HARD WITH A VENGEANCE		FOX NEWS LIVE	01:00
01:30	COLLEGE BASKETBALL - ATLANTIC 10: TENNESSEE @ MASSACHUSETTS					01:30
02:00					HEADLINE NEWS	02:00
02:30					MCLAUGHLIN GROUP	02:30
03:00			SWAMP CRITTERS OF THE LOST LAGOON : - BOBBY Q. RUNS AWAY		CAPITAL GANG	03:00
03:30	COLLEGE BASKETBALL - BIG XII: SOUTHERN METHODIST @ OKLAHOMA STATE	SPORTS SPECIAL - NFL WILD CARD BETWEEN GAMES REPORT	HARVEST WITH GREG LAURIE - FAMOUS LAST WORDS	SPORTS SPECIAL - NFL WILD CARD BETWEEN GAMES REPORT		03:30
04:00		NFL - 2003 WILD CARD PLAYOFFS: DALLAS COWBOYS @ CAROLINA PANTHERS	MUSIC AND THE SPOKEN WORD	NFL - 2003 WILD CARD PLAYOFFS: DALLAS COWBOYS @ CAROLINA PANTHERS	WASHINGTON WEEK IN REVIEW	04:00
04:30			REAL VIDEOS : - BURLAP TO CASHMERE		HEADLINE NEWS	04:30
05:00			THE SIMPSONS : - FEAR OF FLYING		PEOPLE IN THE NEWS	05:00
05:30	ESPNEWS		MALCOLM IN THE MIDDLE			05:30
06:00	COLLEGE BASKETBALL - PAC-10: ARIZONA @ ARIZONA STATE		EVERYBODY LOVES RAYMOND : - ALLY'S BIRTH		CNN SATURDAY NIGHT	06:00
06:30			THE KING OF QUEENS : - STRIKE TOO			06:30
07:00		HEADLINE NEWS	AMERICAN DREAMS : - FALSE START	SPONGEBOB SQUAREPANTS : - BUBBLESTAND/ RIPPED PANTS	DATELINE INTERNATIONAL	07:00
07:30		GENIUS				07:30
08:00	ESPNEWS	CELEBRATION OF VICTORY : - THE FAITH FIGHT	MAGNUM P.I. : - REMBRANDT'S GIRL		LARRY KING LIVE	08:00
08:30	NFL PRIMETIME	CORAL RIDGE HOUR - WHO SHALL CONDEMN US?				08:30
09:00	REAL SPORTS WITH BRYANT GUMBEL	THE WORD IN THE WORLD : - THE STORY OF JOSEPH	FAMILY TIES : - THE DISCIPLE	MOTORWEEK	AT LARGE WITH GERALDO RIVERA	09:00
09:30		CAFE VIDEO : - DELVE A LITTLE DEEPER	THE COSBY SHOW : - THE DEAD END KIDS MEET DR. LOTUS	EBERT & ROEPER AT THE MOVIES		09:30
10:00	SPORTSCENTER	WISHBONE : - THE IMPAWSSIBLE DREAM	CHIPS : - SURF'S UP	WWE SMACKDOWN!	BELTWAY BOYS	10:00
10:30		SESAME STREET SPECIALS : - ALPHABET JUNGLE GAME			FOX NEWS WATCH	10:30
11:00	SPORTS SPECIAL - 2004 ALL-AMERICAN HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL	GENIUS	SWAMP CRITTERS OF THE LOST LAGOON : - BOBBY Q. RUNS AWAY	ANDROMEDA : - DEEP MIDNIGHT'S VOICE	HEADLINE NEWS	11:00
11:30			HARVEST WITH GREG LAURIE - FAMOUS LAST WORDS		AMERICA'S BLACK FORUM	11:30
12:00			MUSIC AND THE SPOKEN WORD	HEADLINE NEWS	THE CHRIS MATTHEWS SHOW	12:00
12:30		SPONGEBOB SQUAREPANTS : - BUBBLESTAND/ RIPPED PANTS	REAL VIDEOS : - BURLAP TO CASHMERE	ESPNEWS	NAVY/MARINE CORPS NEWS	12:30
13:00		MOTORWEEK	THE SIMPSONS : - FEAR OF FLYING	JUDGING AMY : - THURSDAY'S CHILD	BIG STORY WEEKEND EDITION	13:00
13:30		EBERT & ROEPER AT THE MOVIES	MALCOLM IN THE MIDDLE			13:30
14:00	SPORTSCENTER	HEADLINE NEWS	EVERYBODY LOVES RAYMOND : - ALLY'S BIRTH	AMERICA'S SWEETHEARTS	CNN PRESENTS	14:00
14:30		ARMY NEWSWATCH	THE KING OF QUEENS : - STRIKE TOO			14:30
15:00	NFL PRIMETIME	COLLEGE BASKETBALL - SEC: NORTH CAROLINA @ KENTUCKY	AMERICAN DREAMS : - FALSE START		FOX & FRIENDS	15:00
15:30	COLLEGE BASKETBALL - BIG EAST: MICHIGAN STATE @ SYRACUSE					15:30
16:00			MAGNUM P.I. : - REMBRANDT'S GIRL	HEADLINE NEWS	FOX & FRIENDS	16:00
16:30				SEINFELD : - THE AIRPORT		16:30
17:00		SPORTSCENTER	FAMILY TIES : - THE DISCIPLE	MEET THE PRESS	CBS NEWS SUNDAY MORNING	17:00
17:30	NBA FASTBREAK		THE COSBY SHOW : - THE DEAD END KIDS MEET DR. LOTUS			17:30
18:00	THE SPORTS REPORTERS	WWE SMACKDOWN!	CHIPS : - SURF'S UP	AMERICA'S BLACK FORUM	FACE THE NATION	18:00
18:30	SPORTSCENTER			ENTERTAINMENT TONIGHT	HEADLINE NEWS	18:30
19:00	NFL COUNTDOWN	ANDROMEDA : - DEEP MIDNIGHT'S VOICE	SWAMP CRITTERS OF THE LOST LAGOON : - BOBBY Q. RUNS AWAY			19:00
19:30			HARVEST WITH GREG LAURIE - FAMOUS LAST WORDS	ESPNEWS	NAVY/MARINE CORP NEWS - PROD YEAR	19:30
20:00		FOX NFL SUNDAY	MUSIC AND THE SPOKEN WORD	FOX NFL SUNDAY	LATE EDITION W/ WOLF BLITZER	20:00
20:30			REAL VIDEOS : - BURLAP TO CASHMERE			20:30
21:00	NHL - ANAHEIM MIGHTY DUCKS @ DETROIT RED WINGS	NFL - 2003 NFC WILD CARD PLAYOFFS: SEATTLE SEAHAWKS @ GREEN BAY PACKERS	THE SIMPSONS : - FEAR OF FLYING	NFL - 2003 NFC WILD CARD PLAYOFFS: SEATTLE SEAHAWKS @ GREEN BAY PACKERS		21:00
21:30			MALCOLM IN THE MIDDLE			21:30
22:00			EVERYBODY LOVES RAYMOND : - ALLY'S BIRTH		FOX NEWS LIVE	22:00
22:30			THE KING OF QUEENS : - STRIKE TOO			22:30
23:00	COLLEGE BASKETBALL - PAC-10 (WOMENS): USC @ OREGON STATE		AMERICAN DREAMS : - FALSE START		FOX NEWS LIVE	23:00

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Today in history...

Jan. 4, 1944 United States begins supplying guerrilla forces

On this day, U.S. aircraft begin dropping supplies to guerrilla forces throughout Western Europe. The action demonstrated that the U.S. believed guerrillas were a vital support to the formal armies of the Allies in their battle against the Axis powers.

Virtually every country that experienced Axis invasion raised a guerrilla force; they were especially effective and numerous in Italy, France, China, Greece, the Philippines, Yugoslavia, and the Soviet Union.

Also referred to as a "partisan force," a guerrilla army is defined roughly as a member of a small-scale "irregular" fighting force that relies on the limited and quick engagements of a conventional fighting force. Their main weapon is sabotage—in addition to killing enemy soldiers, the goal is to incapacitate or destroy communication lines, transportation centers, and supply lines.

In Italy, the partisan resistance to fascism began with assaults against Mussolini and his "black shirts." Upon Italy's surrender, the guerrillas turned their attention to the German occupiers, especially in the north. By the summer of 1944, resistance fighters immobilized eight of the 26 German divisions in northern Italy. By the end of the war, Italian guerrillas controlled Venice, Milan, and Genoa, but at a considerable cost—all told, the Italian resistance lost roughly 50,000 fighters.

Perhaps the most renowned wartime guerrilla force was the French Resistance—also known as the "Free French" force—which began as two separate groups. One faction was organized and led by Gen. Charles de Gaulle, who left France upon the Vichy/Pétain armistice with Germany but rallied his forces via the British airwaves. The other arm of the movement began in Africa under the direction of the commander in chief of the French forces in North Africa, Gen. Henri Giraud. De Gaulle eventually joined Giraud in Africa after tension began to build between de Gaulle and the British. Initially, de Gaulle agreed to share power with Giraud in the organization and control of the exiled French forces, but Giraud resigned in 1943, apparently unwilling to stand in de Gaulle's shadow or struggle against his deft political maneuvering.

The Allies realized that guerrilla activity was essential to ending the war and supported the patriots with airdrops. The American support was critical, because guerrillas fought admirably in difficult conditions. Those partisans who were captured by the enemy were invariably treated barbarically (torture was not uncommon), as were any civilians who had aided them in their mission. Tens of thousands of guerrillas died in the course of the war, but were never awarded the formal recognition given the "official" fighting forces, despite the enormous risks and sacrifices.

On the gridiron... January 4, 2004

Humanitarian Bowl



GEORGIA TECH 52



TULSA 10

Sunday:



LSU (2)



OKLAHOMA (3)

NFL:



TITANS 20



RAVENS 17

NFL Sunday:



SEAHAWKS



BRONCOS



PACKERS



COLTS